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SUBJECT: BERLIN GOVERNMENT POLICY DECLARATION

1. SUMMARY: IN MAJOR ADDRESS, MAY 7, GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ PAID TRIBUTE TO POST-WAR US DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY IN BERLIN WHICH US HAS MAINTAINED THROUGH ALL THE CRISES, GREAT AND SMALL. HE USED QA LANGUAGE IN CALLING FOR "MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT" OF FRG-BERLIN TIES, AND HE LAID CUSTOMARY EMPHASIS ON NEED TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO BERLIN. END SUMMARY.

2. IN INAUGUAR POLICY ADDRESS TO BERLIN HOUSE OF REPS MAY 7, GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ MADE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS RE PROGRAM TO BE FOLLOWED BY SPD-FDP COALITION SENAT FOR NEXT FOUR YEARS:

A. VIABILITY OF BERLIN RESTED ON GUARANTEES AND
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PRESENCE OF ALLIES AS WELL AS COMPREHENSIVE TIES (UMFASSENDEN BINDUNGEN) TO FRG. THIS WAS IRREVOCABLE BASIS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN IN PEACE AND FREEDOM. TO THIS MUST BE ADDED STRICT MAINTENANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF QA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH SENAT WOULD STRIVE FOR MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN'S TIES TO FRG; REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN'S INTERESTS ABROAD BY FRG; AND IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSIT AND VISITOR TRAFFIC THROUGH EXTENSION OF TRANSIT ROUTES AND CREATION OF NEW CROSSING POINTS.

B. FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES, ALONG LINES OF POLICY REFORM, WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO PROTECT DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

C. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF SENAT'S PROGRAM DEPENDED ON ECONOMIC SITUATION AND ITS EFFECT ON PUBLIC INCOME. EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO IMPROVE BUDGETARY SITUATION BUT FEES PRESENTLY CHARGED FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES AND SERVICES WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED (I.E., POSSIBLY INCREASED).

D. SENAT WOULD UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BERLIN'S ECONOMIC CAPACITY AND WOULD ALSO SEEK WAYS OF FOSTERING ECONOMIC EXCHANGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

E. SENAT WOULD CONCENTRATE ON MEASURES TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION AND EDUCATIONAL (SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY AND VOCATIONAL) PROGRAMS.

3. GOVMAYOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO ALLIES, PARTICULARLY US. HE SAID QUOTE IN 1946, THE UNITED STATES DECIDED TO OBSERVE ITS RIGHT-OF-CONQUEST IN BERLIN AND TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY. THIS IT HAS DONE THROUGH ALL THE CRISES GREAT AND SMALL. IT HAS FINALLY AND CONVINCINGLY CONFIRMED ITS ENGAGEMENT FOR US IN THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT. GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE DONE THE SAME. I MENTION OUR LARGEST PROTECTIVE POWER MORE PROMINENTLY BECAUSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENTLY IT HAS ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE ENMITY AS A RESULT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CONFLICTS. FOR US IN BERLIN -- AND I AM SURE THAT I SPEAK FOR ALL OF US HERE AND IN OUR CITY -- IT IS AS CLEAR TODAY AS IT WAS IN 1946; WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND WITHOUT FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN, WE WOULD NOT TODAY BE FREE CITIZENS IN A FREE COMMUNITY. THEREFORE WE AGAIN

EXPRESS TODAY OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR THREE PROTECTIVE
POWERS. WE HAVE ALWAYS DEPENDED ON THEM. THEY CAN
DEPEND ON US NOT TO LOSE OUR WILL TO REMAIN FREE.

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4. PRESS REACTION HAS BEEN FAVORABLE TO SCHUETZ'S
DECLARATION ALTHOUGH, AS TAGESSPIEGEL AND MORGENPOST
BOTH NOTED, THERE WAS LITTLE NEW IN IT. MORGENPOST
CALLED ATTENTION TO WAY IN WHICH SCHUETZ STRESSED US
ROLE IN BERLIN, WHILE TAGESSPIEGEL EDITORIAL NOTED
MODESTY WITH WHICH BERLIN-BONN TIES WERE CITED
INCLUDING FACT THAT SCHUETZ DID NOT RENEW CALL FOR
LOCATING ADDITIONAL FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS IN BERLIN.

5. COMMENT: WHILE SCHUETZ HAS HAD TO TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION VIEWS OF FDP AND HAS IN OPPOSITION A
CDU WHICH IS NOW STRONGEST PARTY IN BERLIN HOUSE OF
REPS, PROGRAM IS MUCH AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD
SPD OBTAINED MAJORITY IN MARCH 2 ELECTIONS, WITH
POSSIBLE EXPECTATION OF EMPHASIS ON FINANCIAL SAVING.
WE EXPECT TO SEE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF PROGRAM
ROUNDED OUT MORE FULLY DURING DEBATE ON SCHUETZ
STATEMENT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15. GEORGE

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